REMARKS

Docket No.: 21581-00298-US1

Claims 1, 3-9, 15 and 21 are now in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include recitations from claim 11 by reciting "A method of reducing the risk of a tungsten species leaching, which is carried out". Accordingly, claims 11-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-9 and 15 have been amended to recite "The method of reducing the risk of a tungsten species leaching "to render them consistent with claim 1. Claim 15 has also been amended to depend from claim 1 in place of claim 11. Claim 21 has been amended to recite "having" in place of containing for purposes of clarification and not to limit their scope. The amendments to claims 1 and 21 are along the lines suggested by the examiner. The amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter.

The rejection of Claims 11-15 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph has been overcome by including recitations of claim 11 into claim 1 and reciting "reducing the risk" in place of "preventing".

The rejection of claim 21 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph has been overcome by including reciting "having" in place of "containing".

The rejections of Claims 1, 4-5, 7-9 and 21 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/54165 to Neumann et al; of Claims 1, 3-7, 9and 21 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 94/21583 to Brown et al.; of Claim 1, 4-5, 7-9 and 21 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) Watanabe et al, J. of Molecular Catalysis A: Chem. 145 (1999), p. 281-289; of Claims 1, 4-5, 7-9 and 21 under 35 USC 102(b) again as being anticipated by WO 93/00338 to Brown et al. have been overcome by including recitations of claim 11 into claim 1. Claims 11-15 were not rejected over the above cited art.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance

In the event the Examiner believes that another interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

Please charge any fee due with this response to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00298-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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